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THE DESCENDANTS OF JÖRAN KYN, THE FOUNDER
OF UPLAND.

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64. SUSANNAH KEEN,⁵ daughter of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa. She married John Martin, of Cheltenham Township, Philadelphia County, son of Richard Martin, of Cheltenham Township, a Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia County, by his wife Mary Fowler, born in March, 1718–19. At his father's death Mr. Martin inherited a goodly portion of real estate in the vicinity, including an interest in mills in Cheltenham Township and on Pennipack Creek. He died in Cheltenham Township, November 10, 1745, and was buried in Trinity Churchyard, Oxford, where his tombstone may still be seen. Mrs. Martin subsequently married (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), February 14, 1750–1, Edward Milner, Junior,* who continued her former husband's business of miller, by which he acquired considerable wealth.

* Probably a grandson of Edward and Hannah Milner, of Philadelphia County, the latter of whom is the subject of the following obituary notice in *The Pennsylvania Gazette* for July 13, 1769: "Philadelphia, July 13. On Friday, the 23d of June ult., died at Montgomery, in the County of Philadelphia, Hannah Milner, the Wife of Edward Milner, senior, aged 100 Years and 10 Months. She was born in America, Mother of 14 Children, Grand Mother of 82 Grand Children, and Great Grand Mother to 110 Great Grand Children: Of which there are now living 7 Children, 65 Grand Children, and 91 Great Grand Children. It may be justly said, that she was a virtuous and affectionate Wife, a tender Parent, a kind Neighbour, and generally esteemed by those who were acquainted with her. She was interred on the Sunday next after her Death, when her Funeral was attended by a great Number of her Descendants, Neighbours, and others."

For several years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Milner dwelt near St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, then Philadelphia Co., now Montgomery Co., Pa., but eventually removed to a fine country-seat, known as "Green Hall," partly in New Britain Township, Bucks County, partly in Montgomery County, owned and occupied, at present, by their great-grandson. Mr. Milner was a Delegate from Philadelphia County to the Provincial Convention, which met in Philadelphia in January, 1775, and espoused the cause of the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War. Ultimately Mr. and Mrs. Milner resided with their son-in-law and married daughter in a house on the south side of Walnut Street, between Front and Second, in Philadelphia. Here Mrs. Milner died September 20, 1793. She was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard. Mr. Milner accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Donnaldson on their removal to Lancaster and York, and died at the latter town, August 22, 1803. He lies buried with Mrs. Milner.

By her first husband, John Martin, Susannah Keen had three children, born in Cheltenham Township:

184. THOMAS.

185. RICHARD.

186. JOHN. In a will, dated February 16, 1776, he describes himself "of Germantown, in the County of Philadelphia," and bequeaths his property to his "wife Rebekah," his brothers Thomas and Richard, his uncle Jacob Keen, and certain cousins.

By her second husband, Edward Milner, she had seven children, born at Whitemarsh:

187. JESSE, b. May 17, 1752; d. unm. August 13, 1773; bur. in St. Thomas's Churchyard, Whitemarsh.

188. JONATHAN, b. December 11, 1753; d. August 7, 1764; bur. *ibid.*

189. DAVID, b. *eodem partu*; d. September 5, 1758; bur. *ibid.*

190. MARY, b. June 6, 1755; d. September 8, 1764; bur. *ibid.*

191. SUSANNAH, b. December 3, 1756; d. unm. December 31, 1773; bur. *ibid.*

192. SARAH, b. May 5, 1760. She was m. at "Green Hall," by the Rev. Thomas Coombe, February 6, 1777, to John Donnaldson, only son*

* He had an older sister Helen, who m. George Campbell, Esq., an Irish gentleman and lawyer who came to our city in 1765, was chosen a Member

of Hugh Donnaldson, a native of Dungannon, Ireland, who emigrated to Philadelphia about the middle of the last century, and engaged in the manufacture of sea-biscuit, one of the signers of the noted "Non-Importation Resolutions" of 1765. Mr. John Donnaldson's mother was Mary, daughter of Henry and Eleanor Wormley, of Philadelphia,* in which city he was b. March 11, 1754. He was the first person elected a member of the cavalry troop known as "The Light Horse of the City of Philadelphia," afterwards the "First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry," formed by association in 1774, being chosen in 1777 Third Sergeant and Deputy-Quarter-Master, and in 1794 Quarter-Master,† an office he held at his retirement, in 1804, to Honorary Membership. He was with the Troop through all of its career in the War of the Revolution, and his MS. narrative of the duty then performed by the Company, preserved among its archives, supplied many of the facts incorporated in the *History of the Troop*, published in commemoration of its centennial anniversary. He was present at the battle of Trenton, and was one of the twelve gentlemen who aided Adjutant-General Joseph Reed in reconnoitring the enemy before the battle of Princeton.‡ He took part in the latter fight, the Troop acting, as at Trenton, in the capacity of body-guard to General Washington, and "distinguished himself," says General Wilkinson,§ "in an eminent degree," taking "a score of prisoners." He continued in

of the Council of Safety in 1776, and Prothonotary for Philadelphia County in 1777, Member of the Assembly of Pennsylvania in 1780-1, and Register of Wills for the County of Philadelphia from 1782 to 1800. Mr. Campbell was one of the first Associates who formed the Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse, and an original Member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, of which very respectable club he was for some time President.

* Born December 29, 1734; died July 13, 1817. Her husband, Mr. Hugh Donnaldson, was born November 26, 1719; and died on a visit to Ireland, at Belfast, in 1772.

† Eventually succeeded in the position by his son John Donnaldson, Jr. His eldest son, Edward Milner Donnaldson, was likewise a member of the Troop. Thomas Nightingale, who m. their cousin Hannah Cottman, also belonged to the same military body.

‡ While thus engaged, "coming upon a foraging party, consisting of a Commissary, a Sergeant, and twelve British soldiers, they captured the entire party and their wagon train, without loss, returning to camp" with booty and prisoners. "This little act of decisive gallantry," says Gen. Wilkinson (*Memoirs*, vol. i. p. 133), "performed by independent gentlemen, tended to increase the confidence of the troops, and certainly reflected high honour on the small detachment" who were the heroes of it.

§ *Memoirs*, vol. i. p. 145.

active service until January 23, 1777, when their illustrious Commander-in-chief tendered the members of the Troop commissions in the Continental Army, as a reward for their gallantry, and gave them a highly complimentary discharge.* He was engaged in the campaign of September and October, 1777, and was at the battles of the Brandywine and Germantown, passing November and December with Washington at Whitemarsh. After discharging various military duties in the winter and spring of 1778 he returned to Philadelphia on the evacuation of the city by General Howe. He went with the Troop into New Jersey in August, 1779, but came back in time to share in quelling the "Fort Wilson" riots of the following October. He was one of the subscribers to the National Bank, established in Philadelphia in June, 1780, for the purpose of supplying the Army with provisions, contributing the sum of £2000. During this month he obeyed a second summons of the Troop to the defence of New Jersey, and in 1781 escorted President Reed, of Pennsylvania, on his journey to quiet the mutiny of the Pennsylvania Line in winter-quarters at Morristown. "On the 8th of March, 1792, the gentlemen, who had been members of the Troop from the year 1776 to 1783, resolved to appropriate the pay due them for their services during the Revolutionary War, and which amounted to eight thousand dollars, to the establishment of a 'Foundling Hospital,' and Captain Samuel Morris, First Lieutenant John Dunlap, and Quarter-Master John Donaldson were appointed to hold the money in trust to be applied to that purpose"†—a fund which was bestowed by the Troop in 1807 upon the "Lying-in and Foundling Hospital" under the direction of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital. Mr. Donaldson accompanied the Troop in the campaign against the "Whiskey Insurgents" of Western Pennsylvania in 1794, as well as to Northampton County, the seat of the "Hot Water War," in 1799. His ordinary occupation was that of a merchant and insurance-broker, in Walnut Street. He was one of the early stockholders of the Insurance Company of North America (from 1793 to 1816), and was elected a Director in 1798 and 1799. He was chosen a Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, January 26, 1784, but resigned that office the following June, contemplating a voyage to Europe. He embarked in a few days, and visited Great Britain and countries on the continent, spending some time in France (where he was presented at Court), and, on terminating his travels, rejoined his family in America. Afterwards meeting with

* A *fac-simile* of the latter appears in the *History of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry*, opposite page 11.

History of the Troop, p. 34.

serious pecuniary losses, he obtained appointment in April, 1789, as Register-General of Pennsylvania, the duties of which position he discharged, with commendable zeal, until he was commissioned, April, 1794, Comptroller-General, a place which he at length resigned in October, 1801. Subsequently he undertook the supervision of an estate belonging to the Messrs. Willing and Francis, of Philadelphia, situated on the Conewago, in York County, Pa., making his home, for a time, at Lancaster, but finally removing to York. The region proving unhealthy, however, he returned in 1805 to Philadelphia (where he resumed his occupation of broker), and some years afterwards retired to his father-in-law's former residence in Bucks County, in which his wife had a life-interest. Mr. Donnaldson was of Federal politics, and one of the original Members of the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania, organized in 1813, of which Mrs. Donnaldson's kinsman, Commodore Richard Dale, was President. He was elected, in 1778, a Member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, was also one of the Gloucester Fox Hunting Club, and in 1790 joined the famed "Schuylkill Fishing Company of the State in Schuylkill." He was a Vestryman of the "United Protestant Episcopal Churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's," in Philadelphia, and of St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, at different periods, and represented these congregations as Deputy in many Diocesan Conventions. He served, also, for several years, during the last century, as Member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, a position held at the same time by Mrs. Donnaldson's uncle Matthias Keen's brother-in-law Joseph Swift. He d. at his residence on the south side of Walnut Street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets, in Philadelphia, December 29, 1831, and was bur. in St. Peter's Churchyard. Mrs. Donnaldson d. there, also, December 20, 1839, and lies bur. with her husband. They left issue.

193. A child b. 1762; d. April 29, 1763; bur. in St. Thomas's Churchyard, Whitemarsh.

66. MATTHIAS KEEN,⁵ son of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in the house first occupied by his father, in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa., December 21, 1721, and here he dwelt, engaged in agricultural pursuits, throughout his life. He was the chief executor of John Keen's will, inheriting one hundred and twenty acres of land, about a hundred perches in breadth, along the west side of the Township Line Road, extending from the present State Road northwards rather more than half-way between Keen's Road and the Bristol Turnpike. He also purchased

sixty acres of adjacent ground, on the east side of the Township Line Road, in Lower Dublin Township, fronting the river. He is represented as tall and handsome, possessing a singularly clear, melodious voice—at times intelligibly audible across the Delaware at Tacony. During his youth he attended the services of Gloria Dei Church at Wicacoa, but afterwards became a member of Trinity Church, Oxford, of which parish he was chosen Vestryman in 1759 and subsequently. He was also annually nominated for Vestryman of the United Swedish Lutheran Congregations in Philadelphia County from 1772 till 1791. He married (Trinity Church Register) September 1, 1743, Mary Swift, of Philadelphia County, sister of John Swift, who became the second husband of Magdalen (Kollock) McCall, and of Joseph Swift, who married Margaret McCall, elsewhere spoken of. Mrs. Keen was born in June, 1726, and "emigrated with her father from England"* to this country in her youth. She died in Oxford Township in 1750. Mr. Keen married, secondly (Trinity Church Register), November 23, 1752, Margaret, daughter of John and Jennett Thomas, natives of Pembrokeshire, Wales, who emigrated to America in September, 1713, and settled in Cheltenham Township, on a farm purchased from John Ashman, situated as indicated on Holme's *Map*. Mrs. Keen was born in America, February 20, 1723. She died in Oxford Township, August 7, 1801, and was buried in the Pennipack Baptist Churchyard, where she had already interred her husband. Mr. Keen adhered to the Protestant Episcopal communion, and died in the house in which he was born, July 28, 1797.†

* Statement of her eldest son. Mrs. Keen was the niece of Mr. John White, who acquired considerable wealth as a merchant in Philadelphia, and retired to Croydon, in Surrey, England. He was a friend of Grosvenor Bedford, and other distinguished men of the period, and is mentioned in *Letters and Papers relating chiefly to the Provincial History of Pennsylvania*. The editor errs in identifying Mrs. Keen's father with John Swift, of the General Assembly: the latter died in 1733, while the former lived several years after the marriage of his daughter to Mr. Keen. I know of no satisfactory proof that they were relatives.

† Mr. Keen does not appear to have borne an active part in the conflict

By his first wife, Mary Swift, Matthias Keen had three children:

194. SUSANNAH, b. August, 1744. She m. Samuel Bringham, son of George and Anna Bringham, of Germantown, who d. in 1818, leaving issue.
195. JOHN, b. in his father's house above referred to, March 29, 1747. During a portion of his youth he resided with his uncle John Swift, in Front Street, below Race, in Philadelphia, assisting the latter in his duties as Collector of the Port, and pursuing his studies in the city. He attained unusual proficiency in mathematics, and was apprenticed by Mr. Swift to Robert Smith, the noted builder of Christ Church steeple and the State House, to learn the principles of architecture. He was one of the subscribers to the erection of Carpenters' Hall, and was elected in 1772 a member, and in 1801 Vice-President, of the Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia. At the age of twenty-three he was m. by the Rev. Jacob Duché, Minister of Christ and St. Peter's Churches, September 20, 1770, to Mildred, daughter of James Cooke, a native of London, England, by his wife Mildred Brooker, a native of BRIGHTHELMSTONE (now Brighton), Co. Sussex, England, who was b. in BOZHAM, Co. Sussex, England, August 2, 1752, and, with her parents, came to dwell in Philadelphia in 1769. For a short time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Keen lived in the vicinity of Third and Union Streets; but, on the death of Mrs. Keen's father, in 1773, removed to a house built for the latter on the south side of Green Street, between Front and Second, in the Northern Liberties. Here they dwelt for many years, Mr. Keen purchasing a portion of the old barracks property and other real estate in the neighbourhood, and serving the Township with acceptance as Surveyor. Through the invitation of Mrs. Keen's brother, Mr. John Cooke (with whom he crossed the ocean), Thomas Paine visited them on his arrival in this country, in 1774. Mr. Keen sided with the Colonies in the War of the Revolution,

between Great Britain and the American Colonies. His name, however, is appended, with those of numerous members of the family, to unsuccessful petitions to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania for the pardon of the unfortunate John Roberts and Abraham Carlisle, sentenced to death for treason against the State in 1778. (See *Pennsylvania Archives*, vol. vii. pp. 28 and 58.) Mr. Roberts's forfeited estate of 378 acres in Lower Merion Township, Philadelphia Co., was purchased in 1780 by Mr. Keen's brother-in-law, Edward Milner, for £271,600, what currency we need not state, subject to the payment of a certain rent to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania. (*Minutes of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania*, December 16, 1780.)

and fought in Captain Richard Humphreys's Company, in General Cadwalader's Division of Pennsylvania Militia, at the battle of Princeton, where he was slightly wounded by a fence-rail splintered by a cannon ball, while giving some information about the enemy to General Washington. After the war he took a lively interest in the politics of the nation, and engaged in public disputations with William Duane, and other prominent partisans of Thomas Jefferson, in advocacy of Federal doctrines. With regard to the method of weights and measures to be adopted in America, he was much less conservative, and endeavoured to promote the application by Congress of the decimal system in those cases as well as that of the currency. In 1801 he was nominated by the Federal Republican party for the office of County Commissioner for Philadelphia County, but failed to be elected. Mr. Keen was an Episcopalian of the old-fashioned high-church type, and a communicant at Christ Church until the erection of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties, the charter for which was granted to Turner Camac, and him, with other gentlemen of the first Vestry, in 1816. In 1820 Mr. and Mrs. Keen removed to West Philadelphia, then known as Blockley Township, Philadelphia Co., where they d., after sixty-two years of married life, at the home of their youngest son, Joseph Swift Keen, at Chestnut and Mansion Streets, Mrs. Keen on the 14th of August, 1832, and Mr. Keen the 29th of the following October. They are bur. in St. James's Protestant Episcopal Churchyard at Kingsessing.* They left issue.

196. **MATTHIAS**, bapt. (Trinity Church Register, Oxford) July 16, 1749. He d. unm. on a mercantile visit to New Orleans, La., letters of administration on his estate being granted to his brother, John Keen, May 1, 1772.

By his second wife, Margaret Thomas, Matthias Keen had eight children, of whom all but three, it is believed, died young:

197. **ISAAC**, b. September 19, 1753. He was greatly favoured by his father, who gave him a large fortune during his lifetime, and bequeathed him his estate in Oxford Township. He m. Sarah, daughter of John Knowles, for many years a resident of Philadelphia, and successor to Buckridge Sims as Lieutenant of the "Independent Company of Foot" in 1756, comprising among its members Robert Barclay, William Bingham, Thomas Cadwalader, and Samuel McCall, Jr., elsewhere mentioned in this genealogy. Mr. Knowles subsequently removed to Oxford Township, living on the estate formerly belonging to Isaac Keen's uncles Jacob and George Keen,

* Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Keen are in the possession of the family.

between land of Matthias Keen and the river Delaware. He was made prisoner by the British, and taken to New York in 1778, but was soon afterwards exchanged for a loyalist of Horsham Township. He was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia County, June 6, 1777, and continued to hold that office until his resignation of it February 16, 1786.* Mrs. Keen's mother was Mary, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Wilkinson, and granddaughter of Gabriel Wilkinson, of Oxford Township. Mrs. Keen was b. January 11, 1756, and inherited from her father a house and lot on Front and Water Streets, between Race and Arch Streets, in Philadelphia. She d. September 8, 1831, and was bur. with her husband in the Pennipack Baptist Churchyard. Mr. Keen d. in Oxford Township, February 20, 1808. He left issue.

198. JONATHAN, b. September 1, 1755.

199. MARY, b. August 3, 1757.

200. THOMAS, b. March 1, 1759.

201. ELISHA, b. December 19, 1760. He d. unm. February 12, 1835.

202. JOSEPH, b. at his father's house in Oxford Township, July 14, 1762.

At the age of eighteen years he left Tacony, and was apprenticed to George Oakley, of our city, to learn the business of currier, in which he afterwards engaged, in partnership with Mr. John Sellers,† in Philadelphia. He was brought up by his mother in the Baptist faith, and was m. by the Rev. William Rogers, January 24, 1788, to Margaret Williams. He was unanimously elected a Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia in 1799, and served in that capacity till the close of his life.‡ He inherited his father's land in Lower Dublin Township, and d. at his residence on the east side of Fourth Street, above Chestnut, in our city, May 12, 1821. Mrs. Keen d. October 6, 1815, in the 51st year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Keen are bur. in Woodland Cemetery, in West Philadelphia. They left issue.§

203. CHARLES, b. April 15, 1765.

204. SARAH, b. August 24, 1766.

* Mr. Knowles's tombstone may still be seen in Trinity Churchyard, Oxford. While he lived in Philadelphia he attended services at Christ Church.

† Son of John Sellers, who was for several years a Representative of Chester County in the Assembly of Pennsylvania, Deputy to the Provincial Convention of 1774, and Member of the Constitutional Convention, and State Senator, in 1790. His grandson, of the same name, married a daughter of Joseph Keen's nephew, Joseph Swift Keen.

‡ For references to him in this connection see the Rev. David Spencer's *Early Baptists of Philadelphia*.

§ Information kindly furnished by their grandson William W. Keen, M.D. A portrait of Mr. Keen is in the possession of the family.

67. JOHN KEEN,⁵ son of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., May 22, 1723. On coming of age he removed to Byberry Township, and afterwards to Moreland Township. He married (Register of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia), May 1, 1745, Esther Foster, who survived him. He was killed, by a fall from a horse, in Moreland Township, September 14, 1760. He had at least five children, two of whom are named in their grandfather John Keen's will:

205. JOHN.

206. JOSEPH.

68. ELIAS KEEN,⁵ son of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa., May 15, 1725. He married (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), December 24, 1747, Hannah, youngest daughter of John and Jennett Thomas, of Wales, whose sister Margaret Thomas became the second wife of his elder brother Matthias Keen. Mrs. Keen was born in America, March 30, 1725. Mr. Keen died at the age of twenty-eight years, letters of administration on his estate being granted to his widow August 8, 1753. Mrs. Keen married twelve years afterwards James Neville. Mr. Keen had two children:

207. MARY. She became the second* wife (license dated February 3, 1775) of James Delaplaine, son of Nicholas Delaplaine, of Germantown, Philadelphia Co., Pa., and grandson of James Delaplaine,†

* Mr. Delaplaine m. first (Register of Christ Church, Philadelphia), December 18, 1759, Catharine Ayres, who d. August 17, 1774, and was buried in Christ Church Ground.

† By his wife Hannah Cock, of Long Island, whom he m. at "Matiniccott," August 28, 1692. He held the offices of Coroner and Bailiff of Germantown. According to Alden (*American Epitaphs*, vol. v. p. 174) he was the son of Nicholas de la Plaine, a Huguenot, who emigrated to New Netherland, and m. (Records of the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City), September 1, 1658, Susanna Cresson, of Ryswyck, and is said to be *van Bersweer in Vrancryck*. "The father of Nicholas de la Plaine," says Alden, "whose name was also Nicholas de la Plaine, lived and died in France, according to tradition, at the uncommon age of 105 years. An original painting of this remote ancestor still exists. It represents him as having a remarkably long and thick beard, with a solemn and most venerable aspect."

formerly of New York City, who settled in Germantown in 1692 or earlier, on a tract of land including the market square, which was conveyed by him, in 1704, as a gift to the borough.* Mr. Delaplaine was b. in Germantown, September 11, 1735, and was educated by his parents in the principles of the Society of Friends, but finally became a member of the Church of England. He d. in Philadelphia, July 10, 1780, and is bur. in Christ Church Ground. Mrs. Delaplaine survived her husband. They left issue.†

208. ELIZABETH, still living unm. in 1798.

69. REBECCA KEEN[‡], daughter of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa. She married (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), December 14, 1745, Benjamin Engle, of Germantown, Philadelphia Co., son of Paul and Willemka Engle, of Germantown, where he pursued the business of tanner. With Joseph Galloway and other gentlemen Mr. Engle was chosen in 1760 one of the first Trustees of the Germantown "Union School" (afterwards known as the "Academy"), to which he made the liberal bequest of £30. He died October–December, 1762; and Mrs. Engle married, secondly (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), January 5, 1764, Jacob Hall, of Lower Dublin Township, Philadelphia Co., son of Joseph Hall, by his wife Mary,‡ daughter of Joseph and Mary (Swift) Fisher, whose

* The house in which Mr. Delaplaine dwelt in Germantown still stands. The Rev. George Whitfield preached from the gallery of it to people assembled in the Market Square.

† James Delaplaine, who d. in infancy; and Joseph Delaplaine, author of the well-known *Repository of the Lives and Portraits of Distinguished Americans*. The latter m. Jane Livingston, granddaughter of William Livingston, the noted Governor of New Jersey, and had issue. Several of the facts mentioned above are taken from genealogical MSS. of Mr. Joseph Delaplaine, politely loaned me by his son George Patten Delaplaine, Esq., of Madison, Wisconsin.

‡ After the death of her first husband, Joseph Hall, Mary Fisher m., 2dly Isaac Ashton, a Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia County, brother of Mercy Ashton, wife of Rebecca Keen's brother James Keen; and their daughter Martha Ashton m. her cousin Samuel Swift, Jr., brother of Sarah Swift, first wife of John Keen, son of James and Mercy (Ashton) Keen. Mrs. Ashton d. on her estate (comprising five hundred acres) in Lower Dublin Township in May, 1770. For further references to her own and her husbands' families see pp. 242–4.

sister Mary became the second wife of Rebecca Keen's nephew, John Keen, son of James and Mercy (Ashton) Keen. Mr. Hall survived his wife, dying in Lower Dublin Township, February–August, 1824.*

By her first husband, Benjamin Engle, Rebecca Keen had two children:

209. CHARLES.

210. ANN. She became (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), September 27, 1764, the second† wife of Edward Robeson, of the Township of the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia Co., son of Peter Robeson,‡ for several years Coroner of Philadelphia County, by his wife Sarah, daughter of Edward and Rachel Farmar, of Whitemarsh.§ Mr. Robeson followed the occupation of tanner, and is described in deeds as "gentleman." He was residuary legatee, and executor of the will, of his cousin-german, Capt. Rudman Robeson, of the Northern Liberties,|| owner of land in Roxborough Township, "be-

* A gentleman of this name (probably the same person) was appointed Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia County in 1770, and served for many years as Vestryman of Trinity Church, Oxford.

† Mr. Robeson's first wife, Elizabeth, died only a short time before.

‡ Youngest son of Andrew Robeson, of Philadelphia County, who d. in 1720, possessed of a considerable estate.

§ Granddaughter of Major Jasper Farmar, an Irish gentleman and officer of the British army, whose widow, Mary Farmar, arrived in America, with her son Edward and other children, and twenty servants, in the ship *Bristol Merchant*, John Stephens commander, November 10, 1685, and settled on a tract of five thousand acres of land, purchased from William Penn, embracing all of Farmar's or Whitemarsh Township, Philadelphia Co., south of the Skippack Road. For some account of Mrs. Robeson's father, Edward Farmar, who was for nearly forty years a Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia County, and a fellow Member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania with Mrs. Edward Robeson's great-grandfather, Matthias Keen, see Buck's *History of Montgomery County*, and the Rev. D. C. Millett's *History of St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh*. Mrs. Peter Robeson's younger sister, Catharine Farmar, became the wife of her husband's nephew, Jonathan Robeson, Jr., son of Jonathan Robeson, Esq., sometime Trustee of the General Loan Office of our Province.

|| Son of Mr. Edward Robeson's eldest uncle, Andrew Robeson, and brother to Elizabeth Robeson, wife of William Vanderspiegle, a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. Their mother was Magdalen, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Rudman, Pastor of Gloria Dei Church, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Dahlbo, alias Matson, by his wife Catharine, daughter of Peter Gunnarson Rambo, of the early Swedish Colony. Their aunt Anna Catha-

tween the Wissahickon Road and the River Schuylkill," devised for life to the Rev. Dr. William Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and after the death of the latter to Mr. Robeson. Mr. Robeson d. January–February, 1769, and Mrs. Robeson m., 2dly (license dated October 12, 1771), William Lawrence, of Philadelphia, who survived her many years. Mrs. Lawrence d. by 1792. She had two sons by her first husband, who d., it is believed, unm.

By her second husband, Jacob Hall, Rebecca Keen also had two children:

211. JOSEPH. He m. Susannah, daughter of John Hart and his wife Catharine, daughter of John and Mary (Wilkinson) Knowles, niece of Sarah Knowles, who m. his cousin-german, Isaac Keen. Mrs. Hall survived her husband, dying in Lower Dublin Township, Philadelphia Co., in 1851. They left issue.
212. MARY, who m. John Vandyke, and d. before her father, leaving issue.

71. JACOB KEEN,⁵ son of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa. He was one of the executors of his father's will, and residuary legatee of Mr. Keen's estate, inheriting three tracts of land and meadow in Oxford Township, which he sold the following year, living at that time in Philadelphia. Afterwards he dwelt, at intervals, in Oxford and Lower Dublin Townships, and about 1770 removed to Trenton, N. J.* On the breaking out of the war between Great Britain and the Colonies, he espoused the cause of the latter, and enlisted in the First Battalion of the Jersey Continental Troops, organized in December, 1776, commanded by Brigadier-General William Maxwell. He took part in the battle of the Brandywine, which was opened by the Jersey Line, and in the battle of Germantown, where "the whole command distinguished itself, but especially the First Battalion." Most of the following winter he passed at Valley Forge. During the summer of 1778 he was with General Lafayette, occupied

rina Rudman m. the Rev. Peter Tranberg, Pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Congregations in New Jersey and at Christina. Several of these persons are mentioned elsewhere in this genealogy.

* His house was situated on King Street, its exact position being indicated in Gen. W. S. Stryker's *Trenton One Hundred Years Ago*.

in harassing General Clinton's forces in New Jersey, and fought at Monmouth. Under the final establishment for Jersey Troops Mr. Keen served in Captain Samuel Reading's Company, in the Second Regiment. He was present at the siege and surrender of Yorktown, and returned to his home in Trenton at the proclamation of peace.* Mr. Keen married (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), February 5, 1760, Hannah, daughter of John Holme, of Lower Dublin Township, Philadelphia Co.,† by his wife Jane, daughter of the Rev. Abel Morgan, a native of Alltgoch, in the parish of Llanwenog, County Cardigan, Wales,‡ who emigrated to

* For a specific statement of the services rendered by the New Jersey Troops during the Revolution, see Gen. W. S. Stryker's *Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War*. "Mr. Keen was not at home on the day of the battle at Trenton, being with the Jersey troops at Morristown." (Stryker's *Trenton*.)

† Only son of John Holme, of the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia Co., by his wife Martha Jaquis (widow of Peter Dale, "of Pennipack Mills"), and grandson of John Holme, a native of Somerset, England (says the Rev. Morgan Edwards), who came to Philadelphia about 1685. The latter was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1689, and subsequently; and distinguished himself by refusing to act with the Quaker magistrates against George Keith and his followers (at the court held at Philadelphia, December 6-12, 1692), alleging that "it was a religious dispute, and therefore not fit for a civil court," and censuring them for refusing to admit the exceptions made by the prisoners to their jury. In 1692-3 Mr. Holme represented Philadelphia County in the Provincial Assembly. The name of his first wife (mother of John Holme, his eldest son) is not recorded, but he m., 2dly, Mary, widow of Dr. Nicholas More, of Moreland, President of the Free Society of Traders in Pennsylvania, and Chief-Justice of the Province. At the time of his death, in 1701, he was a Justice of the Peace for Salem County, N. J. Mrs. Keen's brother John Holme m. Esther, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Elizabeth (Duffield) Swift, sister-in-law of John Keen, son of James and Mercy (Ashton) Keen; and her nephew John Holme (son of her brother Enoch and Susannah (Hall) Holme) m. Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Swift) Keen. It is from this family, not from Thomas Holme, the distinguished Surveyor-General of Pennsylvania under William Penn (so far as known no relative), that the village of Holmesburg, in Lower Dublin Township, derives its name. (Facts for some of which I am indebted to the courtesy of the Rev. John Stanford Holme, of New York City.)

‡ By his first wife, Priscilla Powell, of Abergavenny, Wales. For some account of Mr. Morgan see the Rev. Morgan Edwards's *Materials towards*

Pennsylvania, and from 1711 to 1722 was Pastor of the Pennipack Baptist Church. "Mrs. Keen was a very zealous Baptist, and one of the organizers of that church in Trenton."* She was of tall and stately figure, and possessed considerable intelligence and force of character, the latter trait being well attested by tales of her courageous bearing towards unruly Hessian soldiers, quartered at Trenton, who invaded her domicile. She died July 11, 1823, at the age of eighty-eight years, and was interred in the First Baptist Churchyard at Trenton. Mr. Keen adhered to the Swedish Lutheran faith of his forefathers, and, during his residence in Pennsylvania, attended the worship either of Gloria Dei Church at Wicacoa or of Trinity Church at Oxford. He was one of the "Vestrymen of the United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wicacoa, Kingsessing, and Upper Merion" to whom their charter was conceded by Thomas and Richard Penn in 1765.† He died in Trenton, letters of administration on his estate being granted to his widow March 26, 1796. He had eight children:

- 213. MARTHA. She d. unm. in Trenton, N. J., January 20, 1839, aged 79 years; and is bur. with her mother.
- 214. PETER. In his youth he emigrated to the vicinity of the Wabash River, where he d. aged about 85 years. He left issue.
- 215. JOHN d. unm., aged about 21 years.
- 216. MARY, b. February 3, 1766. She was one of thirteen young ladies who sang an ode of welcome to Washington, as he passed over Assunpink Bridge, at Trenton, on his way to New York City to be inaugurated President of the United States.‡ She m., November

a History of the American Baptists, and the Hon. Horatio Gates Jones's *Historical Sketch of the Lower Dublin Baptist Church*.

* Stryker's *Trenton*.

† Rev. Dr. Clay's *Annals of the Swedes on the Delaware*, Appendix (Philadelphia, 1835).

‡ Appreciatory mention of this little incident occurs in Marshall's and Irving's *Life of Washington*, and a view of the bridge, with its triumphal arch, is given in Raum's *History of Trenton*. As the choir began their song, Washington turned his horse's head toward them, took off his hat, and listened, it is said, with the deepest emotion. The ladies who participated in this welcome were honoured with the following note: "General Washington cannot leave this place without expressing his acknowledgments to

21, 1791, John Scudder, of Scudder's Falls, Ewing Township, Hunterdon (now Mercer) Co., N. J., son of Amos and Phebe Scudder, and grandson of John Scudder, son of Richard Scudder, a wealthy and respectable farmer, who came from Long Island in 1709 or earlier, and settled on the Delaware, five miles above the site of Trenton.* Mr. Scudder was b. August 31, 1765, and d. October 3, 1830. Mrs. Scudder d. April 16, 1839.† They are bur. in the First Presbyterian Churchyard at Ewing. They left issue.

217. HANNAH, b. December 1, 1767. She m. Joseph Ashton, son of Joseph Ashton, of Lower Dublin Township, Philadelphia Co., by his first wife, Rachel Northrop, and resided with her husband on an estate purchased at Mr. Ashton's death by the late Joseph Harrison, Jr., of Philadelphia. Mr. Ashton was a Vestryman of Trinity Church, Oxford, and of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin; and frequently represented the latter congregation in the Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention. He was chosen with Mr. John Keen, son of James and Mercy (Ashton) Keen, in 1794, a Trustee of the Lower Dublin Academy. He d. July 31, 1842, "aged 77 years and 10 months," and is bur. in Trinity Churchyard, Oxford. Mrs. Ashton d. October 29, 1852, and is bur. with her husband. They left issue.

218. REBECCA. She m. Robert McNeely, who settled in Trenton, N. J., in 1791, following the business of tanner. Mr. McNeely was elected Mayor of Trenton, February 9, 1814, and continued to hold that office until November 1, 1832, delivering the address of welcome to Lafayette in 1824. He was ordained Ruling Elder in the

the matrons and young ladies, who received him in so novel and grateful a manner at the triumphal arch in Trenton, for the exquisite sensations he experienced in that affecting moment. The astonishing contrast between his former and actual situation at the same spot, the elegant taste with which it was adorned for the present occasion, and the innocent appearance of the *white-robed choir*, who met him with the gratulatory song, have made such impressions upon his remembrance, as, he assures them, will never be effaced. Trenton, April 21st, 1789."

* Mr. Richard Scudder's name appears at the head of a list of grantees in a deed, dated March 9, 1709, for ground on which was built Trenton (now Ewing) First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Amos Scudder is mentioned as one of Washington's guides who marched with the army on the eve of the battle of Trenton. An account of the Scudders will be included in a work, to be entitled *Early Records of Ewing and Trenton*, in course of compilation by Mr. William S. Cooley, to whom I am especially indebted for information about this family.

† A portrait of Mrs. Scudder is in the possession of her grandson Adj.-Gen. William S. Stryker, of Trenton, N. J., who has very kindly furnished me with many facts concerning this portion of the family.

Trenton Presbyterian Church in 1817, a position he occupied the remaining thirty-four years of his life.* Mrs. McNeely d. in Trenton, January 7, 1832, in the 63d year of her age, and was bur. in the First Presbyterian Churchyard in that city. Mr. McNeely d. there also, January 27, 1852, in the 85th year of his age, and is bur. with Mrs. McNeely. They left issue.

219. PRISCILLA, b. September 28, 1771. She m. Benjamin Yard, son of Isaac Yard, of Trenton, N. J., b. April 12, 1769. Mr. Yard d. September 9, 1832. Mrs. Yard d. December 28, 1852. They are bur. in Mercer Cemetery, at Trenton. They left issue.
220. JACOB, b. January 31, 1774. He m. Sarah Yard, of Trenton, N. J., b. April 23, 1777, one of the young girls who strewed flowers in Washington's path at Assunpink Bridge on the occasion before referred to. They settled in the State of Ohio. There Mr. Keen d. December 9, 1831; and Mrs. Keen, also, January 24, 1840. They are bur. at Harrison, Ohio. They left issue.†

72. GEORGE KEEN,⁵ son of John and Susannah (Steelman) Keen, was born in Oxford Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa. He inherited the house occupied by his father at his death, with ground adjacent, fronting the Delaware, to which he added by purchase, the following year, land bequeathed to his brother Jacob extending westward to the present State Road. He married (Trinity Church Register, Oxford), July 31, 1755, Margaret, daughter of Dan and Hannah Bristol, of Oxford Township. Mrs. Keen survived her husband, and appears to have married again, since she is described in the will of her brother Thomas Bristol, of the Northern Liberties, in August, 1802, as "Margaret Arden in the Jerseys." Mr. Keen passed his life in agricultural pursuits, and was still a resident of Oxford Township in 1762. He died not long afterwards, aged about thirty years. Two children are identified:

* For mention of him in this connection see a letter of the Rev. Dr. James W. Alexander in the Rev. Dr. Hall's *History of the Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J.*, p. 411.

† Facts furnished by their grandson, the Rev. Samuel Ashton Keen, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Keen tells me, the family still treasure a worked flower which ornamented the white dress worn by his grandmother at the reception of Washington at Trenton.

221. GEORGE d. unm. near Germantown, Philadelphia Co., Pa., about 1785.
222. JONATHAN, b. September 29, 1761. Through the influence of his mother's family, doubtless, he adopted the opinions of the Society of Friends. For a few years he followed the business of tanner in the vicinity of Germantown, Philadelphia Co., but removed about 1786 to Newark, N. J., where he acquired land, some of which is still owned by his descendants. He m., December 22, 1787, Elizabeth Ogden, daughter of Capt. James Nutman, of Newark,* b. September 12, 1766. Mrs. Keen d. June 4, 1817; and Mr. Keen m., July 26, 1818, his first wife's sister, Keziah (Nutman) Curry, who was b. in Newark in 1780, and d. there in 1850. During his residence in Newark Mr. Keen attended the services of the First Presbyterian Congregation, to the building of whose present church he was a liberal contributor. He d. in Newark, July 7, 1837, and is bur., with both of his wives, in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. He left issue by his first wife.†

* Son of James Nutman, Esq., of Edinburgh, Scotland, who settled in Newark, where he m. (his second wife) a daughter of the Rev. John Prudden. Captain Nutman's sister Hannah Nutman m. Jonathan Sergeant, father of Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, the distinguished Member of the Continental Congress from New Jersey, and Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, whose daughter Sarah m. the Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, for many years Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the Presbyterian Seminary at Princeton, N. J., brother-in-law to Major John Patten, hereafter mentioned in this genealogy. (See Samuel H. Congar's *Genealogical Notices of the First Settlers of Newark*, in *Proceedings Commemorative of the Settlement of Newark*, published in 1866 by the New Jersey Historical Society.)

† Facts communicated by their grandson, George Frederick Keene, Esq., of Philadelphia.

(To be continued.)